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SUPERGIRL HAS TURNED AGAINST SUPERMAN.
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I'D SAY KANDOR'S OFFICIALLY DECLARED WAR.
YOU'RE SMILING, LANE.
BECAUSE THIS HAS ALL GONE THE WAY YOU WANTED IT TO, HASN'T IT?
THAT'S WHY YOU SENT THE MEN WITH THE KRYPTONITE HEARTS TO SLAY SUPERGIRL'S FATHER. THAT'S WHY YOU UNLEASHED DOOMSDAY.
WHAT KILLS YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER, LUTHOR.
THAT'S TRUE IN DOOMSDAY'S CASE--
--AND IN MINE.
YOU'RE REALLY NOT THAT SMART, ARE YOU?

IF WE GO TO WAR WITH THEM RIGHT NOW, EARTH DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE.
UNCHAIN ME, LANE!
GIVE ME UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THE FACILITIES HERE AND MY LABS AND ASSOCIATES BEYOND THESE WALLS.
I CAN STOP KANDOR LIKE I STOPPED GENERAL ZOD!
LANE! LISTEN TO ME--!
CHAK
EVEN WITH ALL OF SUPERMAN'S SUPER-FRIENDS ON THE FRONT LINES, THE KRYPTONIANS STILL OUTMATCH THEM FIVE HUNDRED TO ONE.
ONLY I CAN SAVE HUMANITY.
NOT ACROSS ONLY METROPOLIS. THE WORLD.
YOUR FIRST MISTAKE IS MAKING THIS ABOUT YOU. YOUR SECOND, IS YOUR HURRY.
AND THEN THEY CAN ERECT A STATUE IN METROPOLIS OF YOU INSTEAD OF SUPERMAN?
YOU WANT TO DESTROY SUPERMAN SO QUICKLY. BUT I KNOW BETTER.
IF THAT ALIEN IS TO TRULY DIE--

"--HE MUST DIE SLOWLY."
THIS IS A NO-WIN SITUATION, SUPERMAN. FOR US.
YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT RETREATING BEFORE ZATANNA AND HER CREW UNLEASH THEIR MAGIC. ALAN'S YANKING POWER GIRL BACK.
THE ARCTIC.
1,000 FEET OVER KANDOR.
I THOUGHT SUPERGIRL WAS ON OUR SIDE.
KARA WAS ONLY PROTECTING HER MOTHER, JOHN.
AND THERE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SIDES--
KRAK
I KNOW WHY YOU WANT TO CONTROL US, KAL-EL. YOU DON'T WANT US TO GET INVOLVED. WE DO, AND WE INVALIDATE YOUR ROLE ON EARTH.
WE MAKE YOU LESS THAN SPECIAL.
WE MAKE YOU WEAK.

KRPOW
YOU MAKE ME MAD.

KAL?
I'M...I'M SORRY.
YOUR MOTHER IS BLINDED BY GRIEF, KARA.
I KNOW IT'S HARD, BUT SHE CAN'T LET THE DEATH OF SOMEONE SHE LOVED SO MUCH CHANGE HER LIKE THIS.
SHE NEEDS TO DO WHAT ZOR WOULD WANT. WHAT ZOR WOULD THINK IS BEST FOR EVERYONE. KARA...
"...WHERE IS YOUR MOTHER?"
"SHE'S TRYING TO FIX EVERYTHING."
I DO THIS IN YOUR MEMORY, MY DEAR HUSBAND. AND IN YOUR BROTHER'S...
...MAY RAO FORGIVE HIS SON.
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR, ZEE? NEXT TO KRYPTONITE AND THE RAYS OF A RED SUN, MAGIC IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN KILL A KRYPTONIAN.
UNLIKE THESE INVADERS, THUNDERBOLT, WE WON'T BE KILLING ANYONE.
THEY ARE NOT ALL KILLERS, ZATARA.
THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO TELL THE PUBLIC THAT. THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO WORK A CROWD.
WHATEVER MOJO YOU'RE GONNA CAST, ZATANNA--
--YOU BETTER DO IT NOW. WE GOT INCOMING.
FREDDY?
UH, YEAH, ZEE?
NOW, FREDDY!
GO FOR IT.

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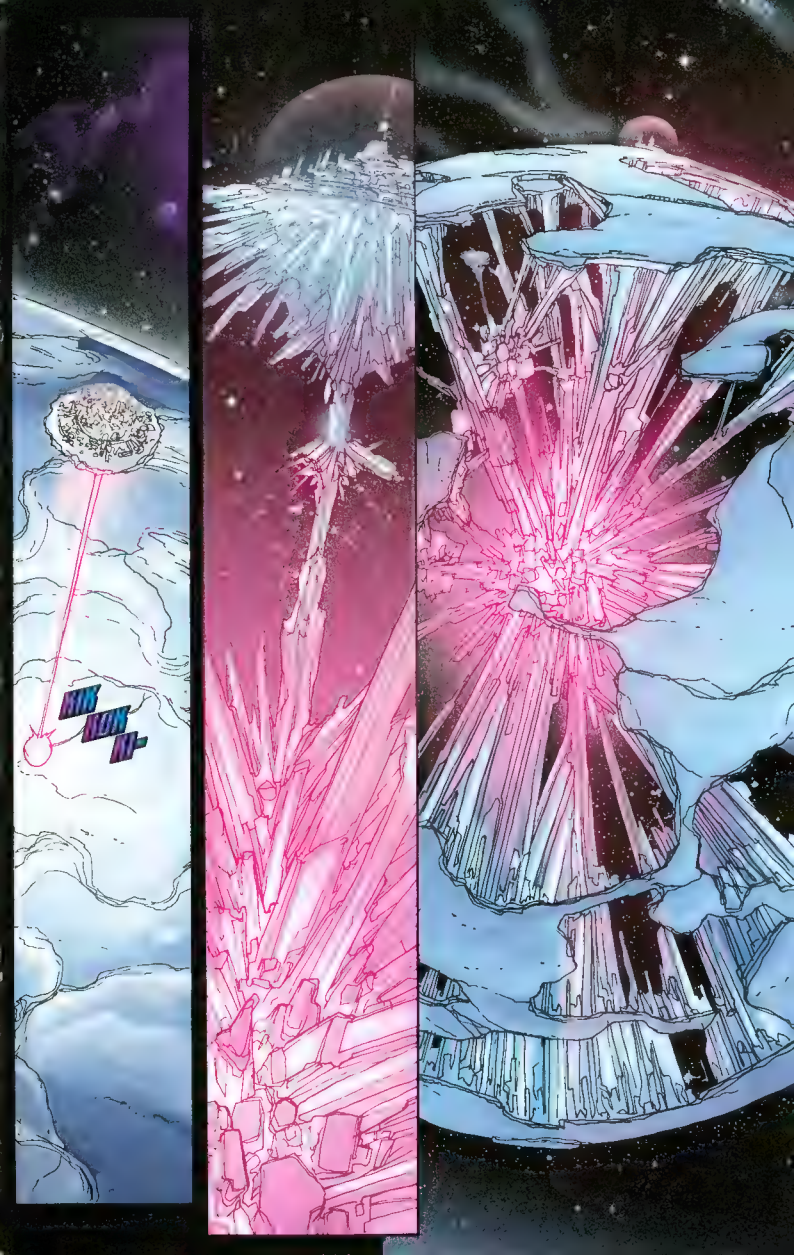
ZATANNA'S ASSURED ME THEY'LL LAND SAFELY.
SHE ESTIMATES THEY'VE AFFECTED TEN THOUSAND OF YOUR PEOPLE.
THAT STILL LEAVES NINETY THOUSAND MORE TO DEAL WITH. WE'RE TRYING TO FIND THE SPECTRE--
WE CAN'T WIN BY FORCE, ALAN.
HEY, GUYS!
ARE THE ONES WHO CAN STILL FLY, FLYING AWAY?
KRRKKKK

"--ON OURS."
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?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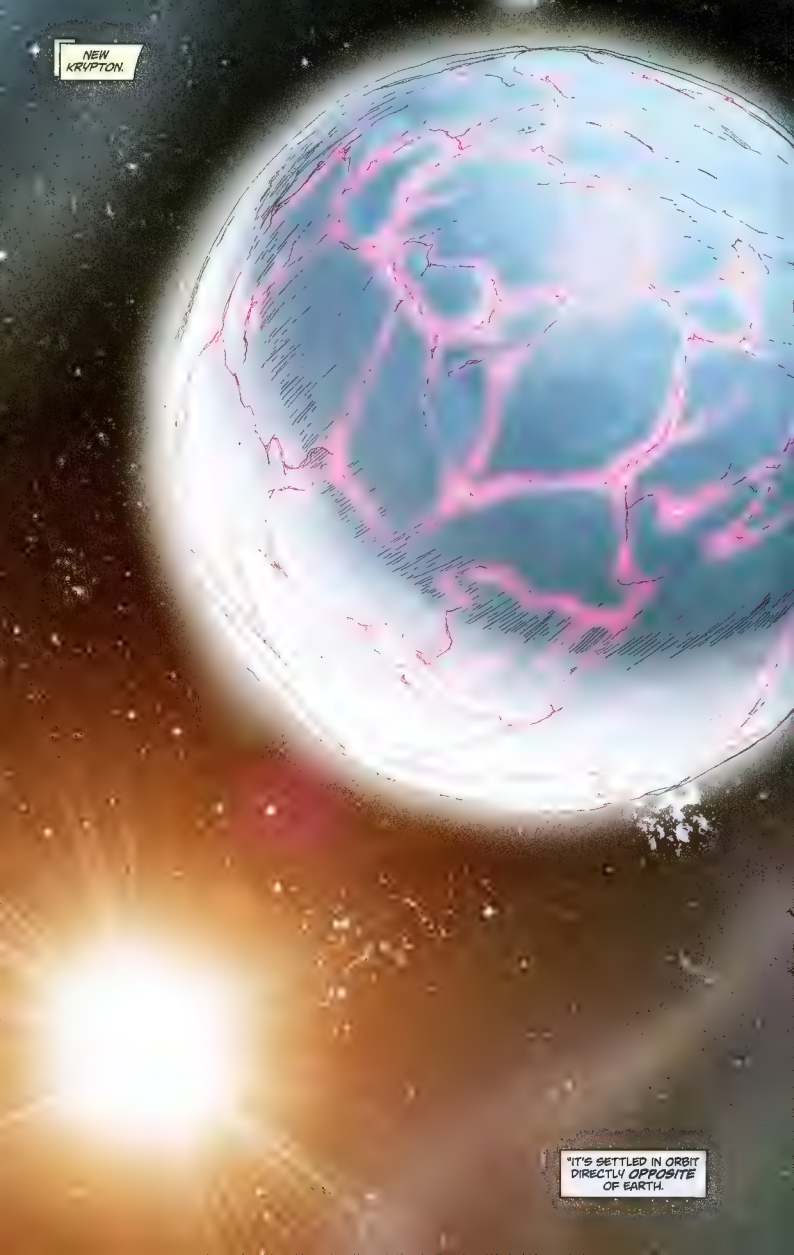
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"IT'S SETTLED IN ORBIT DIRECTLY OPPOSITE OF EARTH.

"SO WE CAN'T SEE IT WHEN WE LOOK UP IN THE SKY. IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SUN.
"EVERYONE WAS HOPING THAT THE WORLD WOULD BE WATCHED OVER BY THOUSANDS OF SUPERMEN.
LOIS LANE
"NOW PEOPLE ARE CALLING FOR A BAN ON KRYPTONIANS.
"SAVE FOR SUPERMAN. THEY STILL BELIEVE IN SUPERMAN."
"THEN WHY CAN'T THEY GIVE NEW KRYPTON A CHANCE, LOIS?"
"YOU'VE READ THE PAPERS, LANA. INCLUDING THE DAILY PLANET.
"THEY'RE CLAIMING NEW KRYPTON IS HARBORING SUPER-POWERED TERRORISTS.
"AND NOW PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING WE PREPARE IN CASE THEY STRIKE AGAIN.

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"HE ONLY NEEDS THE CHANCE TO SHOW THEM THE WAY."
RRR.
"HE CAN BRING PEACE BETWEEN WORLDS."
MUST FIND...
...BIZARRO!
TAXI
"HE THINKS THAT'S WHY SUPERGIRL CHOSE TO GO. TO TRY AND TALK TO HER MOTHER. BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY--"
"IF THAT'S WHY SUPERGIRL WENT, SHE'LL DO IT, LOIS. I JUST WISH SHE'D EXPLAINED HERSELF. IT LOOKS BAD, AND CAT GRANT'S RUNNING WITH IT."
"BUT IF KARA SUCCEEDS, LANA, SHE'LL HELP ALIENS AND HUMANS COEXIST IN PEACE."
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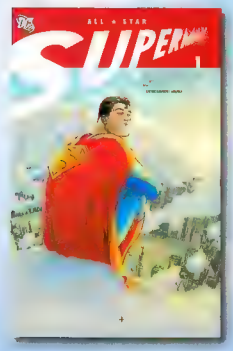

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HUMANS DON'T LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE.
AND THEY HAVEN'T. EVER.
CLARK IS A MIRACLE WORKER, BUT HE'S NOT A GOD.
I SHOULD GO TO HIM.
NOT YET, LOIS.
"CLARK NEEDS TIME WITH HIS FATHER."
YOU BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.
AND IF THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT NEED HELP, YOU DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS DO.
DON'T LET ANYONE OR ANYTHING GET IN YOUR WAY.
I WON'T, PA.

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DOOMSDAY IS COMING.
KRYPTON WAS FACED DOOMSDAY BEFORE, LUTHOR
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KILL HIM SLOWLY.
THEIR HOMEWORLD DETONATED LIKE A BOMB.
YES...
...AND SUPERMAN'S FATHER FAILED TO SAVE IT.
EXACTLY. FROM THE INSIDE OUT.
YOU.
WHO ARE U--?

INTRUDER ALERT.

EPILOGUE TWO

"YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION COMING WITH US, KARA."

BUT I WILL NOT HEAR ANY MORE TALK OF YOUR COUSIN. KAL-EL IS NOT LIKE US.
HE IS HUMAN AT HIS CORE.
GO SEE THARA. SHE WILL TAKE YOU TO YOUR NEW LIVING QUARTERS.
YOU WILL BRING HONOR BACK TO THE HOUSE OF EL.
I DON'T TRUST HER, ALURA.
KARA WAS INFLUENCED BY KAL-EL THE LAST TIME YOU MET.
SHE WILL LISTEN NOW. SHE WILL BE A LOYAL SOLDIER.
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Greetings, DC Nation!

Last week, Dan's tour of the DCU lineup for 2009 was interrupted by the breaking news that the villains had taken over our world in January's Faces of Evil event. I hope you're enjoying the F.O.E. books (we didn't realize that the acronym worked like that when we started…honest) all this month, but we need to interrupt plans once again. You see, I'm Senior Story Editor **Ian Sattler**, and I've been forced to take over this week's programming. We realized that Dan was too old to talk about the younger characters in Teen Titans and that most of his pop culture references seem to stop at about 1989. I said I'd step in, but I keep forgetting that I'm old as dirt now too. I have no idea what the kids are into these days. I'm the guy that carried an entire run of the original Suicide Squad series to a Radiohead concert because I found them at a comic store before the show. So with what little time I have left before I age out of existence, let's get back on the tour bus and find out what's coming up in Titans and Teen Titans this year.

As you know, the Teen Titans have had their hands full recently with the Clock King, Lycus, and of course the menace of Wonder Dog. At the same time Ravager has been trying to survive the Dark Side Club in Terror Titans, where she witnessed the debut of Static in the DCU. This month you'll want to pay close attention to Teen Titans #67 as Brother Blood makes his return in a Faces of Evil showdown with the team. This issue will also feature the debut of a new Teen Titan, but you'll have to read the issue to find out who. And every Teen Titans fan should make sure to pick up the Faces of Evil: Deathstroke special to see The Terminator's showdown with Ravager and a hint at the terrible things that are to come later in the year.

Over in Titans the team has been dealing with the fallout from DCU: Decisions where they learned that their old teammate Jericho has become mentally unstable and turned into a killer. In the midst of trying to figure out if they can save their friend, Jericho disappears into the mind of one of the Titans. Unsure of who is now being manipulated, the team has a lot to deal with…and that's before the JLA shows up to claim Jericho. And you know how it goes when these super-teams meet up, so expect a pretty big fight.

The Jericho story is so big that it can't be contained in just one book, so this spring expect a crossover between Titans, Teen Titans and Vigilante as nobody is sure who they can trust and tensions run high. Beginning in the Teen Titans Annual and continuing for three months through each title, this event—titled "Deathtrap"—sees new members join each team and others depart for good. Caught in the middle of this struggle is the new Vigilante—who might be just as mentally unstable as Jericho as he takes a "by any means necessary" approach to dishing out justice. It's going to be a heck of a battle for our heroes and yet another example of the exciting changes in store for you this year in the DCU. So get ready and we'll see you next week to talk about the Justice Society of America.

- Ian.

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Origins and Omens sets in with the return of Mon-El from the Phantom Zone! But wait, what about the lead poisoning that kept him there? Oops …

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...I HAVE TO GO.
WE ARE NO LONGER WELCOME ON YOUR PLANET, KAL-EL.
AND YOU WILL NOT BE WELCOME--

NO MATTER WHO IT IS.